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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 May 2006.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-11 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>5/22/09, 11/30/07</u> . | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-11 are pending and examined on the merits.
2. The Information Disclosure Statements filed on 5/22/06 and 11/30/2007 are acknowledged and considered. Signed copies of the IDS are attached hereto.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-9 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cuello *et al* (Gynecol Oncol. 2001 Jun;81(3):380-90). Cuello *et al* teach the detection of caspase 3 activity after the contacting of an ovarian cell with various chemotherapeutic agents (e.g. paclitaxel and cisplatin). It is taught that the contacting of the chemotherapeutic agent is approximately 16 hours (see methods section, for example) and that each is done alone (see method section, for example). Cuello *et al* also teach that various concentrations of chemotherapeutic agents are added (see method section, for example). In the absence of evidence to the contrary, the plating of the cells at a density of 1-2 X 10⁴ is an amount that is approximately 60-70% confluent (see method section and page 385 figure 2 for example).

5. Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ofir *et al* (Cell Death and Differentiation, 2002; 9:636-642. IDS 5/22/2006). Ofir *et al* teach the contacting of an ovarian cancer cell line and primary ovarian tumors with paclitaxel at various time points for a duration falling within the claimed range of 4-48 hours. It is taught that the determination of apoptosis was measured by caspase-3 activity.

6. Claims 1-5,7-8, and 10-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kolschoten *et al* (Gynecologic Oncology 2002; 84:404-412. IDS 5/22/2006). Kolschoten *et al* taught a method of contacting ovarian cells (some derived from ascites fluid) with cisplatin and measuring the caspase -3 activity. The activity was measured at various time points after the exposure of the cells to cisplatin (see pg 405, for example). In the absence of evidence to the contrary, the plating of cells in the 96 well plates is assumed to be at a density of approximately 60-70% confluency.

Conclusion

No claim is allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHRISTOPHER H. YAEN whose telephone number is (571)272-0838. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Larry Helms, Ph.D. can be reached on 571-272-0832. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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